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SUBJECT: CONATELE SUCCEEDS INAEL

1. THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER NOUVEAU MONDE OF 20 JUNE ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF CONATELE, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND FIGHT AGAINST EROSION. CONATELE IS TO BE HEADED BY A PERMANENT COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF THE SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS, AND THE DIRECTORS OF CONADEP, INAREM AND TOURISM/PUBLIC RELATIONS. THE DUTIES ARE EXCEEDINGLY BROAD BUT FOCUSED GENERALLY ON RECOMMENDING POLICIES TO (A) PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT; (B) PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES FROM EROSION; (C) FORMULATE A POLICY OF REFORESTATION COUPLED WITH FINDING CHEAPER FUELS; AND (D) TO CREATE A TECHNICAL BASE TO SUPPORT CONATELE'S POLICIES. THE ARTICLE SAID FURTHER THAT CONATELE WOULD ACQUIRE REGULATORY AND COORDINATIVE POWERS TO CARRY OUT ITS WORK.

2. THE SAME ANNOUNCEMENT DECLARED THAT INAEL, THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ELECTRIC ENERGY, HAD BEEN DISBANDED, PARTLY BECAUSE CONATELE'S MUCH BROADER RESPONSIBILITIES

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OVERLAP THOSE OF INAEL AND BECAUSE THE IBRD HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT INAEL'S CREATION WOULD DIMINISH THE ROLE PLAYED BY ELECTRICITE D'HAITI. EFFORTS WILL NOW BE MADE TO STRENGTHEN THE EDH.

3. COMMENT: THE GOH HAS ACCEDED TO THE IBRD'S DEMANDS TO DISMANTLE INAEL IN A DEADPAN, RATHER FRANK BUT BEST-FOOT-FORWARD

ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY A FEW DAYS BEFORE IT MEETS THE IBRD
IN THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. BY SO DOING, THE GOH
HAS PRESUMABLY RESOLVED ITS PROBLEM WITH IBRD. WHETHER
IT HAS ALSO TAKEN A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD ON ITS MAJOR
ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS HAS YET TO BE DEMONSTRATED; THE
NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENT HAS NOT BEEN COMPLEMENTED BY OTHER
MINISTERIAL OR MEDIA COMMENTARY. FROM A LEADERSHIP POINT
OF VIEW, HOWEVER, CONATELE HAS AN EXCELLENT SET OF DIRECTORS,
SHOULD IT WISH TO DO ANYTHING.
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